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December 9, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FEDERAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08  
FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Federal Annual Certification Report for Fiscal Year 2007-08, a prerequisite to receive equitably-shared cash, property, or proceeds.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Authorize the Chairman to sign the enclosed Federal Annual Certification Report for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On June 14, 2005, your Board approved the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement with the Federal Government. This agreement enables the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to participate in the Equitable Sharing Program involving federally forfeited cash, property, proceeds, and interest earned through September 30, 2008. The Annual Certification Report on use of these funds must be signed by the Chair and submitted to the United States Department of Justice, the United States Department of the Treasury, and the United States Attorney as a prerequisite to receiving any equitably-shared cash, property, or proceeds.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Participation in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by maximizing revenues to offset costs.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Revenue from this program was included in the Department's 2008-09 budget.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Revenue received from the Federal Equitable Sharing Program is deposited into the District Attorney Asset Forfeiture Fund and is used to offset the cost of staff who train members of local, State, and Federal agencies to enhance the quality of criminal investigations for prosecution, and the cost of equipment for investigative and specialized prosecution programs.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

**CONCLUSION**

It is requested that the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board return an adopted copy of this Board letter and the Federal Annual Certification Report with an original signature to Susy Orellana, Grants Unit, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Orellana at 213-202-7654 or via email at [sorellana@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:sorellana@da.lacounty.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

  
STEVE COOLEY  
District Attorney

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel



# Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification



OMB Number 1123-0011  
Expires 7-31-2011

- ☐ Police Department ☐ Sheriff's Office ☐ Task Force (Complete Table A, page 2)  
☒ District Attorney ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name: Los Angeles County District Attorney

NCIC/ORI/Tracking Number: CA 019153

Street Address: 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300

City: Los Angeles

State: CA

Zip: 90012

Contact Name: Norbert Ruiz

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- ☐ New Participant: Read the Equitable Sharing Agreement (page 5) and sign the Affidavit (page 6)
- ☒ Existing Participant: Complete the Annual Certification Report, read the Equitable Sharing Agreement (page 5), and sign the Affidavit (page 6)
- ☐ Change in Administration: Changes to the Agency head and/or Governing Body head. Read the Equitable Sharing Agreement (page 5) and sign the Affidavit (page 6).
- ☐ Amended Form: Revise the Annual Certification Report, read the Equitable Sharing Agreement (page 5), and sign the Affidavit (page 6).

## Annual Certification Report

Summary of Equitable Sharing Activity  
Fiscal Year End (mm/dd/yyyy) 06/30/2008

Justice  
Funds

Treasury  
Funds

1	Beginning Equitable Sharing Fund Balance (must match Ending Equitable Sharing Fund Balance from prior FY)	\$1,431,582.36	\$0.00
2	Federal Sharing Funds Received	\$474,511.99	\$2,364.84
3	Federal Sharing Funds Received from Other Law Enforcement Agencies and Task Forces (complete Table B, page 2)		
4	Other Income		
5	Interest Income Accrued ( <input type="checkbox"/> check if non-interest-bearing account)	\$32,119.33	\$160.10
6	Total Equitable Sharing Funds (total of lines 1 - 5)	\$1,938,213.68	\$2,524.94
7	Federal Sharing Funds Spent (total of lines a - n below)	\$1,004,639.31	\$2,524.94
8	Ending Balance (subtract line 7 from line 6)	\$933,574.37	\$0.00

Summary of Shared Monies Spent		Justice Funds	Treasury Funds
a	Total spent on salaries for new, temporary, not-to-exceed one year, employees		
b	Total spent on overtime		
c	Total spent on informant and "buy money"		
d	Total spent on travel and training		
e	Total spent on communications and computers		
f	Total spent on firearms and weapons		
g	Total spent on body armor and protective gear		
h	Total spent on electronic surveillance equipment		
i	Total spent on building and improvements		
j	Total spent on other law enforcement expenses (complete Table C, page 3)	\$1,004,639.31	\$2,524.94
k	Total transfers to other state and local law enforcement agencies (complete Table D, page 3)		
l	Total 15% Expenditures in Support of Community-based Programs (complete Table E, page 3)		
m	Total 25% Windfall Transfers to Other Government Agencies (complete Table F, page 3)		
n	Total spent on matching grants (complete Table G, page 3)		
Total		\$1,004,639.31	\$2,524.94

Miscellaneous Data			
o	Agency's budget for current fiscal year		\$335,558,000.00
p	Jurisdiction's budget for current fiscal year		\$18,677,836,000.00
q	Appraised Value of Other Assets Received		

Table A: Members of Task Force

Agency Name	Address

Table B: Equitable Sharing Funds Received from other Agencies

Transferring Agency Name, City, and State	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds
Agency Name		
Agency Address		

**Table C: Other Law Enforcement Expenses**

Description of Expense	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds
Law Enforcement Vehicles	\$857,524.83	\$2,524.94
Law Enforcement Training Officer	\$147,114.48	

**Table D: Equitable Sharing Funds Transferred to Other Agencies**

Receiving Agency Name, City, and State	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds
Agency Name		
Agency Address		

**Table E: 15% Expenditures in Support of Community-based Programs**

Recipient	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds

**Table F: 25% Windfall Transfers to Other Government Agencies**

Recipient	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds

**Table G: Matching Grants**

Matching Grant Name	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds

**Table H: Civil Rights Cases**

Name of Case	Type of Discrimination Alleged				Status
	<input type="checkbox"/> Race	<input type="checkbox"/> Color	<input type="checkbox"/> National Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender	<input type="radio"/> Settled
	<input type="checkbox"/> Disability	<input type="checkbox"/> Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		<input type="radio"/> Pending

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# Equitable Sharing Agreement

This Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement, entered into among (1) the Federal Government, (2) the above-stated law enforcement agency ("Agency"), and (3) the governing body, sets forth the requirements for participation in the federal equitable sharing program and the restrictions upon the use of federally forfeited cash, property, proceeds, and any interest earned thereon, which are equitably shared with participating law enforcement agencies. By its signatures, the Agency agrees that it will be bound by the statutes and guidelines that regulate shared assets and the following requirements for participation in the federal equitable sharing program. Receipt of the signed Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification (this "Document") is a prerequisite to receiving any equitably shared cash, property, or proceeds.

**1. Submission.** This Document must be submitted to [aca.submit@usdoj.gov](mailto:aca.submit@usdoj.gov) within 60 days of the end of the Agency's fiscal year. This Document must be submitted electronically with the Affidavit/Signature page (page 6) submitted by fax. This will constitute submission to the Department of Justice and the Department of Treasury.

**2. Signatories.** This agreement must be signed by the head of the Agency and the head of the governing body. Examples of Agency heads include police chief, sheriff, director, commissioner, superintendent, administrator, chairperson, secretary, city attorney, county attorney, district attorney, prosecuting attorney, state attorney, commonwealth attorney, and attorney general. Examples of governing body heads include city manager, mayor, city council chairperson, county executive, county council chairperson, director, secretary, administrator, commissioner, and governor.

**3. Uses.** Any shared asset shall be used for law enforcement purposes in accordance with the statutes and guidelines that govern the federal equitable sharing program as set forth in the current edition of the Department of Justice's *Guide to Equitable Sharing (Justice Guide)*, and the Department of the Treasury's *Guide to Equitable Sharing for Foreign Countries and Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies (Treasury Guide)*.

**4. Transfers.** Before the Agency transfers cash, property, or proceeds to other state or local law enforcement agencies, it must first verify with the Department of Justice or the Department of Treasury, depending on the source of the funds, that the receiving agency is a federal equitable sharing program participant and has a current Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification on file.

**5. Internal Controls.** The Agency agrees to account separately for federal equitable sharing funds received from the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury. Funds from state and local forfeitures and other sources must not be commingled with federal equitable sharing funds. The Agency shall establish a separate revenue account or accounting code for state, local, Department of Justice, and Department of the Treasury forfeiture funds. Interest income generated must be accounted for in the appropriate federal forfeiture fund account.

The Agency agrees that such accounting will be subject to the standard accounting requirements and practices employed for other public monies as supplemented by requirements set forth in the current edition of the *Justice Guide* and the *Treasury Guide*.

The misuse or misapplication of shared resources or the supplantation of existing resources with shared assets is prohibited. Failure to comply with any provision of this agreement shall subject the recipient agency to the sanctions stipulated in the current edition of the *Justice* or *Treasury Guides*, depending on the source of the funds/property.

**6. Audit Report.** Audits will be conducted as provided by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular A-133. The Department of Justice and Department of the Treasury reserve the right to conduct periodic random audits.

# Affidavit

Under penalty of perjury, the undersigned officials certify that **they have read and understand their obligations under the Equitable Sharing Agreement** and that the information submitted in conjunction with this Document is an accurate accounting of funds received and spent by the Agency under the *Justice and/or Treasury Guides* during the reporting period and that the recipient Agency is in compliance with the National Code of Professional Conduct for Asset Forfeiture.

The undersigned certify that the recipient agency is in compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of the following laws and their Department of Justice implementing regulations: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or age in any federally assisted program or activity, or on the basis of sex in any federally assisted education program or activity.

During the past fiscal year, has the Agency been part of any proceedings alleging discrimination by the Agency? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If you answered yes, complete Table H. Please disclose (1) all proceedings pending before any court or administrative agency, (2) any nondiscrimination laws the Agency has been found in violation of, and (3) any settlement agreements the Agency has entered into during the last fiscal year.

## Agency Head

Signature: S.V. Cooley  
Name: STEVE COOLEY  
Title: DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
Date: November 20, 2008

## Governing Body Head

Signature: Don Knabe  
Name: Don Knabe  
Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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AGENCY NAME Los Angeles County District Attorney